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Dear Ravalli County Commissioners:

In September and October of 2007 you were sent a geographic place/name proposal which is currently before the U. S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN). As stated in the first 2 letters, this proposal pertains to a mountain in Ravalli County and would assign that feature the name Whe-lha-kleh-tseen Mountain, which is an Anglicization of Chief Victor's Salish name, meaning Many Horses. Currently, that feature may be locally referred to as Squaw Peak.

This will be the final letter sent before I respond to the BGN. I would like to include your response and would like to encourage you to respond. I plan to provide a response to the BGN in January 2008 and would like to include your comments to assist them in determining approval/non-approval of this proposal.

Should you decide not to support this proposed name change, I strongly suggest that you submit an alternative name for this feature through the BGN process (http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/name_form.htm). There are some rules to what names can and cannot be submitted and that information can be found at (http://geonames.usgs.gov/docs/pro_pol_pro.pdf).

Please feel free to contact me if further information is needed. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lowell Whitney".

Lowell Whitney
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